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NEW FACTORIES WILL PRODUCE CONSUMERS' GOODS

SUGAR COMBINE UNDER CONSTRUCTION -- Tirana, Bashkimi, 13 Jul 50

Despite many difficulties, the builders of the Sugar Combine at Maliq have completed the plan for 26 installations on the site of the combine. The large, modern school will be completed in a few days. The mess hall, with its bakery and clinic, the garage, the office, the pumping station, and the firefighting building are finished or will be completed in a few days. The walls of the large storehouse for sugar were finished 5 months ago.

The workshop, which has been completed, is an L-shaped building. It is equipped with new machinery from the USSR, including two modern electric lathes, a model 49 and a model 50. There is a mechanical saw which cuts iron bars over 202 millimeters in diameter. A lathe for woodworking and an alternator for the electric power plant, both from the USSR, have been installed in another building. Other machinery which has been imported or is expected will be used for the construction of the modern factory.

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TEXTILE COMBINE BEING BUILT -- Tirana, Bashkimi, 19 Jul 50

Work on the "Stalin" Textile Combinentered a new phase. With the arrival of the plans, work has begun on e construction of the main dye shop, which will be finished by the end of September 1950. Meanwhile work will be completed on the spinning mill, on the interior plumbing, on the concrete paving, and on the roof. During the third quarter of 1950, the administration building of the combine and its mess hall, the 3-kilometer-long main sewer, the roads, and landscaping outside the factory will be completed. When the heating plant, the water supply, and a few other projects are completed, the combine will be finished.

When completed, the combine will produce 20 million square meters of cloth per year, meeting most of the requirements for cloth of the Albanian people.

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SOAP FROM PINE TAR -- Tirana, Bashkimi, 17 Aug 50

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Tirana (Albanian Telegraphic Agency) -- The "Branko Kadija" Soap Industrial Enterprise in Shkoder today began to manufacture soap from pine tar. This new raw material will obviate the use of large quantities of fats.

The tar is obtained by boiling crushed pine wood in special boilers. The wood is crushed in a special machine which was built by the workers themselves.

A by-product of this process is used in the manufacture of shors and drugs.

Tests have shown that soap made from pine tar is a satisfactory cleansing agent.

TWO FACTORIES BEGUN -- Tirana, Bashkimi, 30 Aug 50

Berat (Albanian Telegraphic Agency) -- Work has begun in the city of Berat on expanding a factory for preserving olives. Thus far, 25 percent of the work has been completed. The factory will begin operation in November.

The construction of a building for the production of raki has begun in Terpan. Forty percent of the work has been completed. The local peasants, who formerly had to take their grapes all the way to Berat to sell them, will be able to dispose of them much more conveniently at the new distillery.

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